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## PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an indictment<sup>1</sup> against Kenneth John Hendrix, charging him with one count of wire fraud.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Kenneth John Hendrix	Alamo, TX	36 years old

According to the indictment, Kenneth John Hendrix convinced a senior citizen of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, that he could assist her with tax preparation and financial investments. The indictment further alleges that, in May 2001, Hendrix secured a power of attorney from his victim. The indictment alleges that Hendrix used the power of attorney to close many of his victim's investments, he then transferred the money to a bank account that he purportedly created on behalf of his victim, and then Hendrix transferred the money to various shell corporations that he owned or helped create. As alleged in the indictment, from these shell corporations, Hendrix spent the money belonging to his victim as if it were his own. The indictment alleges that Hendrix defrauded his victim of at least \$250,000.

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum term of 5 years in prison, and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and it has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney W. Craig Williams.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.